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Governor appoints Robert Lund, Denise Porter as Judges to the Fourth District Court

SALT LAKE CITY (Dec. 1, 2020) – Gov. Gary R. Herbert has appointed Robert Lund and Denise Porter to fill vacancies in the Fourth District Court.

“Robert Lund has dedicated his legal career to the service of this state and to the United States. His immense talents have been recognized repeatedly, and I am pleased with his hard work and dedication.” Gov. Herbert said. “He will be an exceptional addition to the Fourth District.”

Currently, Lund serves as the Assistant United States attorney for the United States Attorney's Office. Prior to this he was the deputy prosecuting attorney for Thurston County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Lund also has extensive experience with military legal services and began this career serving as the staff judge advocate for the United States Army Reserve. He later served as the Lieutenant Colonel, the command judge advocate in the United States Army in Iraq and now serves as the Colonel, state judge advocate for the United States Army National Guard. Lund received a bachelor of arts in english and psychology from the University of Utah, and a Juris Doctor degree from Brigham Young University.

“I’d like to express my deepest gratitude to Gov. Herbert for entrusting me with the solemn responsibility of safeguarding the rule of law in the Fourth Judicial District,” Robert said. “I pledge to uphold the oath of office and to serve the community as a neutral and unbiased arbiter of law.”

“Denise is a proven leader who cares for the people of this state, and has a strong desire to do what is right,” Gov. Herbert said. “This is evident in her past experience and dedication to the law. I am confident in this appointment and know she will serve those in the Fourth District with respect and fairness.”

Denise Porter has served as a member of the Utah State Board of Pardons and Parole since 2016. Prior to her experience there, Porter spent many years working as an attorney for the Salt Lake Legal Defenders Association. Porter was also a legal writing teaching assistant at the University of Utah where she received a bachelor of science in political science.

“I am deeply grateful and humbled by Gov. Herbert's appointment,” Porter said. “It has been a distinct privilege to serve on the Utah Board of Pardons and Parole and I look forward to serving the community where I was born and raised in this new role.”

The governor’s nominations are subject to confirmation by the Utah Senate.

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